

FALL VICTIM

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Is patient breathing normally?
 Is patient alert?
 How far did the patient fall?
 What kind of surface did the patient land on?
 Are there any obvious injuries? What are they?
 Did the patient complain of any pain or illness just prior to the fall?
 Is the patient able to move their fingers and toes?
 (Do not have them move any other body part).
 Is the patient bleeding?
 If yes,
 _ From where?
 _ Is it controlled?
 _ How much?

SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

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Unconscious/not breathing normally.
 Decreased level of consciousness.
 Falls greater than 10 feet.
 Falls associated with or preceded by,
 pain, discomfort in chest, dizziness, headache, or diabetes.
 Patient paralyzed.
 Uncontrolled bleeding.
 Multiple extremity fractures
 Femur (thigh) fracture.

BLS DISPATCH

Unconscious, but now conscious without critical symptoms.
 Falls less than 10 feet.
 Neck or back pain without critical symptoms.
 Controlled bleeding.
 Cuts, bumps, or bruises.
 Patient assist.
 Involved in accident, no complaints.
 Isolated extremity fracture.

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Pre-Arrival Instructions

Turn off any machinery.

Do not move the patient if there are no hazards

Advise patient not to move

Cover patient with blanket and try to keep them calm.

No food or drink.

If bleeding, use clean cloth and apply pressure directly over it. If cloth becomes soaked, do not remove, add to what is already there. Use care not to obstruct the airway or breathing.

Gather patient medications, if possible.

If the patient's condition changes, call me back.

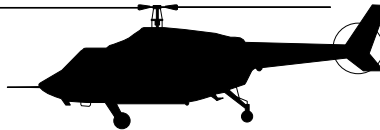
Prompts

Is Rescue needed?

If unconscious, go to UNCONSCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL

If unconscious, NOT breathing normally, go to CPR for appropriate age group.

**FOLLOW AEROMEDICAL
DISPATCH GUIDELINES**



Short Report

Age

Sex

Specific location

Chief complaint

Pertinent related symptoms

Medical/Surgical history, if any

Other agencies responding

Any dangers to responding units